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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Feb-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 02/03/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/27/01
BRO-FRY	154,056	154,601
LT HENS	1,912	1,955
HVY HENS	2,025	1,371

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 20-JAN-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	591	7	598
LAST WEEK	500	13	513
SAME WK YR AGO	663	0	663
TO DATE 2001	1,504	20	1,524
TO DATE 2000	1,544	0	1,544

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,378	1,383	3,761
LAST WEEK	2,471	1,258	3,729
SAME WK YR AGO	2,693	1,229	3,922
TO DATE 2001	6,623	3,413	10,036
TO DATE 2000	7,730	4,138	11,868

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 27-JAN-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	156,803 (A)	2,032	1,353	3,385
AVG WT	4.97	3.56	7.75	5.24
LAST WEEK	149,911	1,787	1,376	3,163
SAME WEEK YR AGO	144,385	2,083	1,222	3,305
AVG WT	4.89	3.34	7.72	4.96
TO-DATE/2001	590,737	7,151	4,746	11,897
TO-DATE/2000	604,331	8,269	5,360	13,629

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.7 million head or 6.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING JANUARY 20, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	33,113	28,681	41,586
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.56	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	32%	28%	40%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	37,338	20,249	51,280
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.76	6.01
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	29%	47%
 SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	 36,528	 27,225	 31,625
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.81	6.23
% OF TOTAL /1	38%	19%	33%
 TO DATE/2001	 97,655	 75,337	 139,121
TO DATE/2000	93,118	92,273	121,702

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-JAN-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,963	2,719	20	15	4,717
AVG WT	15.65	34.56	27.50	27.22	26.64
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,855	2,735	41	36	4,667
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,892 (C)		15	41	5,780
AVG WT	26.31 (C)		26.33	27.98	24.42
TO-DATE/2001	17,828 (C)		100	63	17,991
TO-DATE/2000	18,354 (C)		20	192	18,566

(B) Includes 166,000 young banded breeders in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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